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City Public Works Department Says “Wrap, Don’t Drip” *Director urges residents to insulate pipes rather than drip faucets*

Houston, Texas – Tom Rolen, Director of the City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department, advised local citizens today to wrap their water pipes rather than leave faucets dripping in response to this week’s Arctic-like weather. Rolen went on to explain that leaving faucets dripping is often ineffective and wasteful. Rather than preventing pipes from freezing, dripping water faucets waste resources and lower available water pressure for local businesses, residents and fire fighters.

Rolen recommended that citizens wrap their pipes with an inexpensive, prefabricated pipe insulation or use any other appropriate material to insulate against the cold. Citizens may also wish to consider cutting off the water supply to their house and draining their water pipes.

Rolen went on to state, “Insulating water pipes against the threat of cold weather is really the best alternative for businesses and home owners. Dripping faucets waste money and water and may lead to a decrease in available water pressure.”

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